

Amendments to the Claims:

1. - 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A hand towed piece of baggage comprising;

a piece of baggage;

at least one wheel connected to said piece of baggage, said wheel having a wheel rotation axis;

an arm portion having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm portion being operatively secured to said piece of baggage; and

B1 a T-shaped towing handle connected to said distal end of said arm portion; said towing handle comprising an elongated hand grip with opposite free ends and a stem, having a length, that intersects and projects from said hand grip between said opposite free ends, said stem connected to said distal end ^{of what} connected so that said towing handle can rotate relative to said distal end about at least two pivot axes;

wherein said arm portion is moveable between extended and retracted positions relative to said piece of baggage such that said distal end of said arm portion is closer to said piece of baggage when said arm is in said retracted position than when said arm is in said extended position;

/ wherein at least one of said at least two pivot axes is oriented substantially parallel to said wheel rotation axis; and

wherein said at least one pivot axis oriented substantially parallel to said wheel rotation axis is closer to said elongated hand grip handle than to said piece of baggage when said arm portion is in said extended position; and

[wherein when said arm is in said retracted position, said elongated hand grip is not between said proximal and distal ends of said arm.

22. (Previously presented) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21, further comprising:
a first shaft aligned with a first one of said at least two axes and about which said towing handle rotates; and

a second shaft aligned with a second one of said at least two axes and about which said towing handle rotates.

23. (Previously presented) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21, wherein said at least two pivot axes include a first axis and a second axis that intersect each other.

24. (Previously presented) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21 wherein at least one of said at least two pivot axes is oriented substantially perpendicular to said wheel rotation axis.

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25. (Previously presented) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21, wherein said arm portion comprises at least two telescoping sections that are slidably attached to each other for relative telescoping movement, the relative telescoping movement allowing said arm portion to be movable between said extended and said retracted positions.

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26. (Previously presented) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21, further comprising:
an intermediary member pivotally connected to said distal end and said handle;
wherein said intermediary member allows pivotal movement of said intermediary member and said handle about a first one of said at least two pivot axes relative said distal end;
and

wherein said intermediary member allows pivotal movement of said handle about a second one of said at least two pivot axes relative to both said intermediary member and said distal end.

27. (Previously presented) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 26, wherein said first one of said at least two pivot axes is oriented substantially parallel to said wheel rotation axis and said second one of said at least two pivot axes is oriented substantially perpendicular to said first one of said at least two pivot axes.

28. (Previously presented) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 27, wherein said first one of said at least two pivot axes intersects said second one of said at least two pivot axes.

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30. (Currently amended) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21 29, wherein said opposite free ends of said hand grip define a hand grip axis that extends from one of said opposite free ends to the other of said opposite free ends, said rotation between the towing handle and the distal end about the at least two pivot axes allowing the hand grip axis to be oriented in a first direction substantially perpendicular to said wheel rotation axis when the arm portion is in the extended position, and said rotation also allowing the hand grip axis to be oriented in a second direction substantially parallel to said wheel rotation axis when said arm portion is in said retracted position.

31. (Currently amended) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 21 29, further comprising:

an intermediary member operatively connecting said stem to said distal end, said intermediary member being pivotally connected to said distal end for rotation of both said intermediary member and said handle about a first one of said at least two pivot axes relative to said distal end; said intermediary member also being pivotally connected to said stem of said handle for rotation of said handle about a second one of said at least two pivot axes relative to both said intermediary member and said distal end.

32. (Previously presented) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 31, further comprising:
said first one of said at least two pivot axes being oriented substantially parallel to the
wheel rotation axis and the second one of said at least two pivot axes being oriented substantially
perpendicular to the first one of said at least two pivot axes.

33. (Currently amended) A hand towed piece of baggage comprising;
a piece of baggage;
at least one wheel connected to said piece of baggage, said wheel having a wheel rotation
axis;

an arm portion having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end
of said arm portion being operatively secured to said piece of baggage, and said arm portion
being curved between said proximal and said distal ends;

a towing handle connected to said distal end of said arm portion; said towing handle
connected so that said towing handle can rotate relative to said distal end about at least two pivot
axes; and

an intermediary member having a length and pivotally connected to said distal end and
said handle;

wherein said arm portion is moveable between extended and retracted positions relative
to said piece of baggage such that said distal end of said arm portion is closer to said piece of
baggage when said arm is in said retracted position than when said arm is in said extended
position;

wherein said intermediary member allows pivotal movement of said intermediary
member and said handle about a first one of said at least two pivot axes relative said distal end;

wherein said intermediary member allows pivotal movement of said handle about a second one of said at least two pivot axes relative to both said intermediary member and said distal end; and

wherein said length of said intermediary member is less than said length of said arm.

34. (Previously presented) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 33 wherein at least one of said at least two pivot axes is oriented substantially parallel to said wheel rotation axis.

35 (Currently amended) A hand towed piece of baggage comprising;

a piece of baggage;

at least one wheel connected to said piece of baggage;

an arm portion having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm portion being operatively secured to said piece of baggage, and said arm portion being curved between said proximal and distal ends;

a towing handle; and

means for connecting said towing handle to said distal end of said arm portion, said means including a first shaft and a second shaft arranged so that said towing handle can rotate relative to said distal end about said first shaft and said second shaft;

wherein said arm portion is moveable between extended and retracted positions relative to said piece of baggage such that said distal end of said arm portion is closer to said piece of baggage when said arm is in said retracted position than when said arm is in said extended position.

36. (Previously presented) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 35, wherein said first shaft is oriented substantially parallel to the wheel rotation axis and said second shaft is oriented substantially perpendicular to said first shaft.

37. (Previously presented) The hand towed piece of baggage of claim 36, wherein a first axis through said first shaft intersects a second axis through said second shaft.

38. (Currently amended) A method of operating a hand towed piece of baggage, the method comprising:

providing a piece of baggage including

at least one wheel;

an arm portion having a length with opposite proximal and distal ends, said proximal end of said arm portion being secured to said piece of baggage so that said arm portion is moveable between extended and retracted positions relative to said piece of baggage such that said distal end of said arm portion is closer to said piece of baggage when said arm is in said retracted position than when said arm is in said extended position; and

a T-shaped towing handle comprising an elongated hand grip with opposite free ends and a stem, having a length, that intersects and projects from said hand grip between said opposite free ends, said stem connected to said distal end connected to said distal end of said arm portion and having a grip portion; said towing handle connected so that said towing handle can rotate relative to said distal end about at least two pivot axes;

pivotal moving said towing handle relative to said distal end about said at least two pivot axes in a manner such that said towing handle is oriented in a first direction when said arm is in said extended position;

rolling said piece of baggage on said at least one wheel with said towing handle oriented in said first direction wherein a second of said at least two pivot axes extends vertically and said

elongated hand grip of said towing handle extends horizontally in a plane perpendicular to said first axis; and

pivotally moving said towing handle relative to said distal end about said at least two pivot axes in a manner such that said towing handle is oriented in a second direction when said arm portion is in said retracted position.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein said first direction is substantially perpendicular to said second direction.

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40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38 wherein said piece of baggage further includes:

a first shaft aligned with a first of said at least two axes and about which said towing handle rotates; and

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a second shaft aligned with a second of said at least two axes and about which said towing handle rotates.

41. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein when said towing handle is oriented in said second direction, said elongated hand grip is not between said proximal and distal ends of said arm.